

COMMANDER'S UNIT, PERSONAL AND FAMILY READINESS POLICY



At VMFAT-501 we have the historic opportunity to introduce the F-35B Lightning II to the Marine Corps, but this mission will offer unique family readiness challenges as we commence F-35B operations in the unfamiliar environment of Eglin Air Force Base.

Family Readiness is a key component to mission readiness and we are fortunate to have a Family Readiness Officer (FRO) who will play a critical role in establishing our unit personal family readiness program. The FRO will be a vital source for information and referral to the Marines and their families, using the latest technology for communications via multiple methods and means. We will also leverage local and national family readiness resources to better prepare and help our families and Marines. Finally, the FRO will provide volunteer information to the families and help them to play an active role in the squadron and community we now call home.

I will encourage family events for all Marines, whether married or single. We will empower our Marines and their families with training, tools, and opportunities such as Lifestyle, Insight, Networking, Knowledge, Skills (L.IN.K.S.), Military OneSource, and command-sponsored events that enable families to interact with the squadron and its leadership. We will leverage local support for our families to include the Airman & Family Readiness Center, MFLAC, and Chaplains.

Finally, I encourage our single Marines to welcome their parents and family members into the Warlord family network. We are caretakers of America's finest sons and daughters and must always keep this in mind.

Bottom line, my Family Readiness Policy is to take care of our Marines and their families. I ask all Warlords to join me in the effort.


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